

Flood Mitigation Assistance Program

On February 28, 2007, SCDNR Flood Mitigation Section forwarded two flood mitigation assistance grant applications to FEMA for review and approval. It is important to note that the Flood Mitigation Assistance Program is an annual program focused on reducing the flood risk to those structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program. It is not too early to start working on potential projects for the next funding cycle.

Map Modernization

FEMA recently has approved a major shift in the direction of the Map Modernization Program at SCDNR. In an attempt to complete all ongoing and future studies no later than 2010, SCDNR requested funding to scope all remaining county wide projects with fiscal year 2007 funding and complete map production with fiscal year 2008 funding. This was a huge deviation from previous Business Plans, as a result of a change in direction from FEMA Headquarters. As final details and timelines are determined communities will be notified of their new status in the Map Modernization Process. This shift in direction will have no visible affect on ongoing studies.

Important Map Modernization Dates:

Start of 90-Day Appeals Period	
Spartanburg County	April/2007
York County	3/20/2007
Map Effective Date	
Calhoun County	4/16/2007
Saluda County	6/18/2007

South Carolina Association for Hazard Mitigation

In lieu of the normal roundtable meetings, SCAHM will be hosting two training workshops later this year. These workshops will be approximately four hours and will provide continuing education credits for Certified Floodplain Managers. Planning for these workshops is ongoing, so if you have suggestions for topics to be covered or recommended locations, please send your suggestions to Chris Stone, Chair (cstone@lex-co.com) or Shawn Putnam (putnams@dnr.sc.gov).

Congratulations

SCDNR would like to congratulate the Town of Pinewood for being reinstated in the NFIP effective 3/26/2007.

Training Calendar

Due to various conflicts during that last quarter the following courses have been rescheduled for later in the year. Please note that these are tentative dates.

*How to read a FIRM** 6/20/2007
*prerequisite for the Floodplain
Management through the NFIP course

*Floodplain Management through the
NFIP* 7/10-12/2007

*Residential Substantial Damage
Estimator* 5/31/2007

CFM Exam 5/24/2007

Mark Your Calendar

The ASFPM 31st Annual Gathering will be held the week of June 3-8, 2007 in Norfolk, VA. Please visit their website at www.floods.org for the most up-to-date information.

Questions/Concerns/Future Input

If you have information you would like to be added to future volumes of this newsletter or any concerns, please contact us at floodmitigation@dnr.sc.gov.